**Research projects**

1842. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) What are the names of research projects proposed by the Indian Council of Historical Research and Indian Council of Social Science Research during the last three years;

(b) how many of these projects were for the University teachers and how many were for Research scholars: and

(c) what amount of money was spent in the publication of these projects?

THE MINIS TER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) The Indian Council of Historical Research and Indian Council of Social Science Research provide financial assistance to scholars to enable them to undertake research on topics of their choice. The two Councils have not themselves proposed any project to be unertaken by university teachers and research scholars during the last three years.

**Deduction of marks of students from Bihar**

1843. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 8 to 10 perrcent of marks are deducted by University authorities from the marksheets of students from Bihar seeking admission to various classes of Aligarh Muslim University;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such discrimination ; and

(c) what action Government contemplate to remove this discrimination ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) ; (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the Aligarh Muslim University, for admission to Class XI of Senior Secondary School Certificate Course the marks secured by a candidate in the qualifying examination of Board/Institution are normalised according to a formula adopted by the Academic Council of the University since 1985-86.

The University has been requested to review the formula before admissions for the next academic session are made to Class XI of the Senior Secondary School Certificate Course.

**Private buses under D.T.C. operation**

1844. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 156 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th May, 1988 and state what is the total strength of Delhi Transport Corporation fleet as on date and the number of private buses plying under DTC as on date ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : As on 3-5-1989, DTC's own buses numbered 4250 and the buses of private operators, associted with DTC stood at 765